

CALUMET CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY MAY END STRIKE OF COPPER MINERS

MINERS SEEK
INQUIRY INTO
HALL HORROR

President Wilson Asked
to Direct Probe of Dis-
aster at Calumet.

DEATH LIST IS NOW 72

Citizens and Strikers Join In
Relief of Persons Losing
Relatives in Rush.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary
Tamm today forwarded to Presi-
dent Wilson a request of President
Moyer of the Western Federation of
Miners for a federal investigation of
the fire horror at Calumet.

In a telegram to President Moyer of
the Western Federation of Miners,
Secretary Wilson said it appeared the
tragedy was "not in any way con-
nected with the strike situation."

"I cannot conceive of such a con-
nection existing," the message con-
tinued. "It is almost inconceivable
any one could be so inhuman as to
plan such a catastrophe, but whether
planned or the result of malicious mis-
chief, I hope the facts will be promptly
brought to light. From information
it would appear to be purely a statu-
tory crime, solely within the jurisdic-
tion of the police powers of the state.
I, however, am sending Solicitor John
H. Denmore for the purpose of ren-
dering any assistance possible clear-
ing the situation."

The secretary expressed to Moyer
his sympathy for friends and fami-
lies of the killed. Denmore, it was
announced at the department, was in-
structed by Secretary Wilson to en-
deavor to settle the strike.

Four Investigations.
Calumet, Mich., Dec. 26.—While
four separate investigations of Calu-
met's Christmas tree disaster, in
which 72 persons, most of them chil-
dren, were killed, were being made
today and a dispute raged as to who
should bury the dead, peace-makers
were at work in a supreme effort to
bring to an end the copper mine
strike.

Over the bodies of the little ones
the peace-makers hoped to see an end
to labor strife which has torn the dis-
trict for several months. United in
grief, the warring factions—mine
operators, guards, strikebreakers,
stricken union miners, and their fami-
lies gave no thought to the big labor
battle that is indirectly blamed for
the most gruesome horror in the his-
tory of Calumet.

There is still dispute whether the
offer of the Citizens' Alliance, an or-
ganization considered hostile to the
strikers, to defray all burial expenses,
will be permitted. Union officials
declared the offer would be spurned.

Hostile Feeling Disappearing.

"We will care for our own dead,"
was the response to the alliance. Feel-
ing of hostility was not so marked to-
day when it was seen that the citizens
of Calumet and other cities in the dis-
trict were in earnest in their efforts
to raise funds for the stricken fami-
lies. Almost unlimited amounts of
money were pledged by mine owners
and merchants who have been oppos-
ing the strikers. Committees repre-
senting the operators went from house
to house comforting the surviving
members of the families of the vic-
tims of the disaster. Following these
committees were others and sugges-
tions that peace be declared between
the forces representing capital and
labor were diplomatically expressed.

After the funeral of all the victims,
which will be arranged for later to-
day, it is expected by many that the
spirit of fight will have been interred
with the bodies of the innocent wives
and children of the strikers.

Labor Sending Money.

Coroner Fisher will convene a jury
Monday morning. The Federation of
Miners' local has tentatively arranged
that the funeral of the victims be held
Sunday afternoon, each nationality
holding a separate service. The pro-
gram, however, is subject to change.
The federation reports contributions
pouring in from organized labor in all
parts of the country. The federation
still insists it will bury its own dead
and look after the families of the be-
trayed, paying all expenses.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 26.—A great
mass meeting of Calumet citizens was
held yesterday afternoon to devise
ways and means to take care of the

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Uncle of President Dead.
Chillicothe, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Henry
W. Woodrow Lawler, an uncle of
President Wilson, is dead here.

FUTURE MEMBERS OF THE SPUGS

COUPLE HIT BY 2
AUTOS; ONE DEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee, Jr.,
Figure in Tragedy After
Christmas Party.

New York, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Gertrude
Lee, daughter of Colonel Philip F.
Harvey, retired United States army
officer, was killed, and her husband,
Richard Lee, Jr., superintendent of
transportation of the American Sugar
Refining company, seriously injured
early today, while returning home
from a Christmas dinner at the house
of a friend.
They were crossing a street strug-
gling under an umbrella against a
driving rain, when a limousine
knocked them down and a taxicab
ran over them before the driver could
stop. Colonel Harvey, who had ac-
companied the Lees to dinner, was
walking ahead of them, and did not
learn of the accident until he reached
home. The chauffeur of the taxicab
was arrested and later released. The
driver of the limousine disappeared.

NATION BIG GAINER
IN TRADE BALANCE

Washington, Dec. 26.—The balance
of trade in favor of the United States
for the past 12 months ending with
November was \$738,000,000. Both ex-
ports and imports for November were
the second largest for that month in
the last six years.

Dies as Children Fix Tree.

Tomah, Wis., Dec. 26.—Arising ear-
ly to arrange a Christmas tree for
their mother, who was ill, the children
of Mrs. John Boyington completed the
decorations and carried the lighted
tree, covered with presents, into the
sick room. "Look, mother," they said.
There was no response. The mother
had died while the children were de-
corating the tree.

Julia Kern a Bride.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 26.—Miss
Julia Kern, daughter of United
States Senator and Mrs. Kern
of Indiana, and Dr. George B. Lawson
of Roanoke, were married yesterday
near Hollins, the summer home of the
Kerns.

DOLLAR PIECE OF
1804 DATE FOUND

New Haven Laborer Digs Up
Bit of Silver Worth \$3,500
While Excavating.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 26.—A United
States silver dollar dated 1804,
highly prized by numismatists, and un-
derstood to be valued at \$3,500 for col-
lection purposes, was found here by
William Sullivan, a laborer, while ex-
cavating. It is in good condition.

Loss of Life in World
Holocausts

1864—Jan. 6, Church of the Je- suits, Santiago, Chile....	2,500
1876—Dec. 5, Brooklyn theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	239
1881—Dec. 8, Ring theatre, Vi- enna, Austria.....	850
1883—June 16, schools at Sun- derland, England.....	200
1887—May 15, Opera Comique, Paris.....	200
1887—June 20, St. John, N. B., entire town consumed....	100
1887—Sept. 4, Exeter theatre, England.....	200
1888—Banquet theatre, Portugal 1889—July 21, building at Lu Chow, China.....	400
1890—Jan. 9, Shantung theatre, China.....	250
1895—September, Pike's Opera, house, Cincinnati.....	200
1897—May 4, charity bazaar, Paris.....	150
1900—June 30, Hoboken piers and ships.....	145
1901—Jan. 8, Rochester, N. Y., orphan asylum.....	28
1902—Sept. 20, Shiloh Baptist church, Birmingham, Ala. 1903—Dec. 30, Iroquois theatre, Chicago.....	115 575
1904—June 15, General Slocum disaster, Hoboken.....	1,021
1905—March 20, R. E. Glover's shoe factory, Brockton, Mass.....	100
1906—April 18, San Francisco fire and earthquake....	452
1908—Jan. 14, Rhodes opera house, Boyertown, Pa....	163
1908—March 4, school, Collin- wood, Ohio.....	174
1909—Jan. 20, Seventy-third St. crib, Chicago.....	60
1909—Feb. 15, Flores theatre, Mexico.....	300
1910—March 28, Oekritia, Hun- gary, hotel.....	250
1910—August forest fires, north- west part of United States	203
1910—Oct. 1, Los Angeles Times building.....	25
1910—October, forest fires, Min- nesota.....	100
1910—Nov. 26, factory building, Newark, N. J.....	40
1910—Dec. 21, Morris & Co's pork packing plant, Chi- cago.....	24
1911—February, theatre, St. Pe- tersburg, Russian.....	50
1911—March 25, New York Tri- angle Waist Co's factory.....	145
1911—April 9, Tokio, Yoshiwara 1911—April 9, Bombay India, fes- tival theatre.....	300 200
1913—July 22, Binghamton, N. Y., factory fire.....	50
1913—Dec. 22, Georgetown, Brit- ish Guiana.....	26
1913—Dec. 24, Calumet, Mich....	72

KNIFE TO SEPARATE
TWO SIAMESE GIRLS

Paris, France, Dec. 26.—"Siamese"
twin girls, a month old, who are
joined face to face by a strip of flesh
more than an inch thick between
their stomachs, have been brought to
Paris to be separated by a surgical
operation. A radiograph examination
suggests that the twins have vital
organs in common.

GIRL TAKES SWIM
IN A CHILLY LAKE

North Side Young Woman As-
saults Parents and Friends
by Christmas Dip.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs.
Paul Pause of 828 Wilson avenue look-
ed up inquiringly at their 16-year-old
daughter, Clara, yesterday. She had
emerged from her room in a bathing
suit.
"I don't think that's a good costume
for a masquerade," said Mrs. Pause re-
provingly. "And I didn't know you
were going to dip."
"I'm not," said the daughter. "I'm
going to the beach."
Mr. and Mrs. Pause did not forbid.
They were too surprised to do any-
thing. They just stared, mouths
agape, while Miss Pause tripped down
the stairs to the street and trotted off
to the beach at the foot of the street.
An older daughter, Amelia, followed
with some other young women. With-
out a twinge they resisted Clara's in-
vitation to join her.
"I'm not a walrus," observed Amelia,
"and I have all my senses with me."
"Get some nerve, too," advised Clara
and after wiggling her toes in the icy
water experimentally and ascertaining
that it was quite cold enough, in she
waded, pushed her way past the break-
ers, and swam out to deep water. She
yelled a greeting to her companions
and then swam in, shook herself and
streaked across the sand and up the
street to her residence.
"I do that in all sorts of weather,"
she said later. "It's good fun, and
there's no crowd to bother one."

PAINT SUFFOCATES
AN INSURANCE MAN

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—George W.
Riggs, an insurance agent aged 52,
lost his life in a singular accident.
While giving the walls of his bath
room a coat of enamel paint he lost
his footing on a ladder, fell and was
struck; the thick paint in a can
flowed over his face and suffocated
him.
Riggs was president of a company
manufacturing parts for steam loco-
motives. He was a prominent Mason.

NEW YORK STATE
BLIZZARD SWEEP

First Real Storm of the Winter
Season Plays Havoc With
Street Traffic.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The first
real blizzard of the winter is raging
in Syracuse and outlying districts, in-
terfering with wire service.
Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 26.—A bliz-
ard, which raged all night, continued
with less violence this morning and
paralyzed street traffic. Thousands of
workers were forced to walk.

MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS TO
AID ARSENAL

Military Committee Wants
Government to Manu-
facture Ammunition

FOR SAVING MILLIONS

Representative O'Hair Quizzes
Crozier in Support of the
Tavener Program.

The following dispatch is printed in
today's Chicago Tribune:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—As a
result of the disclosures of exorbitant
profits made by private manufacturers
on government contracts, the house
committee on military affairs con-
templates reporting a provision that
the United States manufacture all of
its ammunition for the army.

Interesting revelations of the
amount of money the government
could save by such a policy were made
at a recent executive session of the
committee, the proceedings of which
became available yesterday. Repre-
sentative O'Hair of Illinois put several
army officers through an examination
which disclosed that out of a pro-
posed expenditure of \$6,000,000 for
munitions the government could save
\$2,000,000 by manufacturing the ma-
terial itself.

Mr. O'Hair was questioning Brig.
Gen. Crozier on the proposition of
government manufacture when the
general stated that the government
can manufacture ammunition for ap-
proximately two-thirds of the price
paid to the private manufacturers.
"Why doesn't the government go in-
to the business of manufacturing it
then?" asked Mr. O'Hair.

Help in Emergency.

"Well, the ordinance bureau feels
that in case of war the assistance of
private manufacturers would be need-
ed," General Crozier replied. "As the
government is practically their only
customer for military ammunition the
bureau feels that they should be en-
couraged to keep in the business, that
they might be ready to supply us in
time of war."

By further questioning of General
Crozier the fact was brought out by
Mr. O'Hair that the government arse-
nals are poorly equipped to assist the
government in time of war, and that
the government would be at the
mercy of private manufacturers if war
should be declared.

After ascertaining this fact Mr.
O'Hair said:
"Don't you think, general, that \$2-
000,000 a year is rather a large en-
couragement, and that if we should
spend that amount for a few years on
some of our arsenals we soon would
be in a position where we would not
need to encourage the private con-
cerns any longer?"

Tavener Bill In.

Representative Tavener of Illinois
introduced bills at this session of
congress to appropriate \$1,000,000 for
ammunition plants at the Rock Island
arsenal. The Rock Island arsenal is
located on an island in the middle of
the Mississippi river, between Daven-
port, Ia., and Rock Island, Ill. There
are 896 acres which can be obtained
there and the government has a water-
power plant capable of developing
enough power to operate all the plants
that can be erected.

Dietz May Be Denied Mercy.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 26.—Governor
McGovern may not grant the applica-
tion for a pardon for John Dietz, known
as the Cameron dam defender. He
believes Dietz's case does not deserve
clemency. He wants to know from
Messrs. Cochems, Wolf and Naber,
attorneys, why Dietz did not employ
counsel to defend him at his trial; why
he did not produce testimony when
witnesses were available, and why he
did not confer with the attorney gen-
eral, who was sent by the former gov-
ernor to Dietz as a special envoy. Mrs.
Dietz, Clarence, Leslie and Myra, three
of the older children, were at the hear-
ing before Governor McGovern.

Raids Hotels to Bar Liquor.

Milton Junction, Wis., Dec. 26.—
Sheriff Whipple and a force of de-
puties raided the famous Morgan House,
the St. Paul Hotel and Charles
Lumm's place, arrested the proprietors
and confiscated a large quantity of
liquor Christmas eve. Milton Junction
is a "dry" town.

Restitution Suit Ordered.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26.—James
Kusk, receiver for the St. Louis &
San Francisco railroad, has been dis-
tricted by Circuit Judge Sanborn to
bring restitution suit against certain
directors and former directors.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday;
not much change in temperature, with
the lowest tonight about 20 degrees;
moderate variable winds.
Temperature at 7 a. m., 21; highest
yesterday, 33; lowest last night, 21.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 4 miles
per hour.
Precipitation, none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 74; at
7 a. m., 83.
Stage of water, 1.8; a fall of .7 in
last 48 hours.
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Jupiter, Saturn, Morn-
ing stars: Mars, Mercury, Venus. Plan-
et Mercury in conjunction with the
moon at 8:23 a. m. Planet Venus in
conjunction with the moon at 5:57
p. m.

BURY PEPPER AT
OTTUMWA, IOWA

Twenty-four Members of Na-
tional Houses Attend Late
Congressman's Funeral.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Dec. 26.—The fune-
ral of Congressman I. S. Pepper was
held this afternoon at the First Meth-
odist Episcopal church. A congres-
sional party of 24, including Represen-
tative Clyde H. Tavener of the Four-
teenth Illinois district, attended. There
were numerous floral pieces from
friends in the state and at the nation-
al capital. The services were con-
ducted by Rev. D. C. Smith, pastor of
the First church, assisted by Rev. S. H.
Montgomery of the First Presbyterian
church.

The active pallbearers were:
Personal Friends—J. G. Van Lint
and Dr. A. A. Petersen.
Masons—A. E. Othmer and A. S.
Lawrence.

Muscatine Bar association—D. V.
Jackson and H. G. Thompson.
Ellis—R. S. McNutt and J. P. Breen.

N. F. Reed, chairman of the demo-
cratic state central committee, who
was in complete charge of the funeral
arrangements, appointed the following
list of honorary pallbearers, each rep-
resentative of the eleven congressional
districts of Iowa. Judge Martin J.
Wade of Iowa City was added to the
list as the twelfth man in compliment
to his close friendship with the de-
ceased congressman. The honorary
pallbearers were:

First district—A. R. Miller, Wash-
ington.
Second district—Fred B. Sharon,
Davenport.
Third district—Louis Murphy, Du-
buque.
Fourth district—Frank O'Connor,
New Hampton.
Fifth district—Nick Furlong, Mar-
shalltown.
Sixth district—Dan W. Hamilton,
Sigourney.
Seventh district—Harley Sheldon,
Ames.
Eighth district—Claude R. Porter,
Centerville.
Ninth district—W. F. Cleveland,
Hannibal.
Tenth district—Maurice O'Connor,
Fort Dodge.
Eleventh district—G. R. Whitmer,
Sioux City.
M. J. Wade, Iowa City.

LONG QUESTIONS BY
SCHMIDT LAWYERS

New York, Dec. 26.—Attorneys for
Hans Schmidt have brought to court
hypothetical questions 30,000 words
long which they will read to alienists
called by the state to prove Schmidt
was sane when he killed Anna Aumuller.

Two Seized as Swindlers.

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 26.—F. J. Har-
ris, alias "Doc" Hamilton, and F. C.
Clum, alias Banks, were arrested
yesterday on a charge of obtaining
money by false pretenses. Both were
in Belvidere and other Illinois cities
recently, obtaining subscriptions for
a magazine.

Memphis, Tenn.—After she had
taken her four children to visit her
cousin, Mrs. Fisher Harwell, wife of
a business man, shot herself to death
with a revolver while despondent.

TRAIN BLOWN BY
REBELS; 34 DEAD

Federals Attacked 60 Miles
North of San Luis Potosi—
No Change at Tampico.

Washington, Dec. 26.—State depart-
ment advisers say: "A large force of
revolutionists on the National railway,
66 miles north of San Luis Potosi, de-
stroyed a federal convoy train, killing
34 federals." The situation at Tam-
pico is unchanged.

PRESIDENT IN
SOUTH PLANS
TRUST SHAKE

While Desiring Rest on
Vacation, He Will Think
Over Problems.

TIPS TO BIG BUSINESS

Special Message Outlining Pol-
icies Will Be Read to Con-
gress Next Month.

Gulf Port, Miss., Dec. 26.—While
President Wilson was returning to
Pass Christian from the golf course
today he saw smoke coming from the
roof of the home of Mrs. J. H. Neville,
which was afire. He quickly alighted
from his automobile, went into the
house and encountered Mrs. Neville.

"Your house is on fire. Do not be
alarmed. These gentlemen (pointing
to two chauffeurs and secret services
men whom he had previously directed
how to extinguish the blaze) will put
it out if you show them how to get to
the attic," said the president.
The president quieted Mrs. Neville
while the men were extinguishing the
blaze.

The blaze, which was in the roof,
was easily extinguished by the use of
fire extinguishers carried in the
White house automobiles.

Maps Rest Program.

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 26.—
President Wilson today mapped out
a program of rest and exercise through-
out the country, which he hopes to get
back to vigorous health. While he will
do little official work, there are two things
upmost in his mind—selection of
members of the federal reserve board,
which will put into operation the new
currency system, and the writing of a
special address to congress on the re-
lations of the government to "big
business" and the trusts. Those close
to the president believe there will be
no nominations for the board until the
sixty-day period allowed by law for
selections has expired.

The president will probably make a
rough draft of his anti-trust address
while here. It will probably be read
Jan. 19, a week after Wilson has re-
turned to the White house and can-
vassed the subject with his official
family.

No Disaster Comment.

The president today read for the
first time meager press reports re-
ceived here regarding the recent dis-
aster at Calumet, Mich. He offered
no comment. The president had re-
ceived no advices from Secretary Wil-
son as to the request of the Western
Federation of Miners for an investigation.
It is presumed here Secretary
Wilson will not consult the president
until the question of federal jurisdic-
tion in what ordinarily would be a
matter for state authorities to handle
has been fully determined.

400 Banks Have Applied.

Washington, Dec. 26.—More than
four hundred national banks and trust
companies, representing every state
and almost every large city in the
country have applied for membership
in the federal reserve system of
banks according to the unofficial es-
timate of the treasury department.
Applications have come so fast offi-
cials are unable to keep pace with
them. Banks in New York, Boston
and Chicago have not applied in
great numbers, but Secretary McAdoo
is of the opinion their applications
will soon be forthcoming.

CHIEF OF SEAMEN
OUT AS DELEGATE

Declines to Serve Under Ap-
pointment—Dissatisfied
With Report.

London, Dec. 26.—Andrew Fur-
seth, president of the International
Seamen's Union, cabled President
Wilson his resignation as a delegate
to the international conference on
safety at sea. He is said to be dis-
satisfied with the report of the sub-
committee with which he is con-
nected. He argues the sub-commi-
tee's report lowers the standard of
safety and he refused to sign it.
Furseth desired that steamers should
carry sufficient men of three years' ex-
perience to take charge of boats in
case of accident. Disinclination of
the other American delegates to side
with him apparently led to his resi-
gnation.